

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING0
TOWN HALL HEARING ROOM
2/19/14

ATTENDEES:

Deyst*	White	Caccavaro*	Kellar*	McKenna*
DeCoursey	Connors*	Simmons*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Bayer*	Ronan*	
Kardon*	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: ATED Chair Angela Olszewski, ATED Members Clarissa Rowe, Ted Peluso, Selectman Joe Curro, School Committee Member Bill Hayner, Bill Downing, Garry Tibetts, Uncle Sam Committee Chair Lawrence McKinney

MINUTES of 2/12/14 approved as printed. Unanimous

BUD 16 ZBA GenGov SubCom(Howard) recommended a revised budget (Ref 1). The salary is now correct according to the PayPlan. VOTED \$21,365 Unanimous

ATED ARTICLES

ART44 HISTORIC SITES SIGNAGE: Olszewski requested \$28k to design and manufacture signs for a second set of historic sites: the Old Burying Ground, the Prince Hall Cemetery, and the Foot Of The Rocks. Rowe stated that the first set of signs is being manufactured and will be set up in April. She showed a full size sample and handed out design sheets (Ref 2). She stated that these signs will be rugged and more vandal resistant. She is working with DPW. The ATED budget shows \$675 for marketing. The visitor center is being adapted from a prefab design. Parking is being studied by BoS.

VOTED to table pending discussion with the Manager on 3/5. 17-1

ART 45 OLD BURYING GROUND RENOVATION: Olszewski requested \$10k. Rowe explained that the work will continue according to a plan made 10yrs ago. She does not know specifically how this money would be spent. In general: headstone repair, tree pruning, wall repair. She will inquire if the Cemetery Commission can pay. She does not know who owns this cemetery. She will consider putting this project on the Capital Plan. VOTED no action with a comment to be written by Deshler. Unanimous.

ART 46 BATTLE ROAD SCENIC BYWAY: Olszewski requested \$5k to fund Arlington's participation in the Byway Committee. The committee & related plans were established by a Memo of Understanding. VOTED to table until members can receive and read the MOU. Unanimous

UNCLE SAM COMMITTEE ARTICLES McKinney provided Ref 3 to summarize his view on each article.

ART 41 UNCLE SAM SIGNS: McKinney requested \$500 to make the ATED sign that Town Meeting approved and funded last year. The wording on the sign was disputed. VOTED to table pending review with Town Manager. 11-6

ART 42 HOLIDAY LIGHTS: McKinney requested \$500 to extend holiday lights to the statue. VOTED no action noting a budget for holiday lights already exists. Unanimous

ART 43 TOWN STATIONERY: McKinney requested \$500 to restore "Birthplace of Uncle Sam" on Town Stationery. Members questioned whether this is Town Meeting business. VOTED no action. Unanimous.

ART 38 ATHLETIC FEES: Bill Downing, using a handout (Ref 4), requested a \$410k increase in the education appropriation to eliminate athletic fee at AHS. Tibetts spoke in support. Fanning said that the Superintendent has funds to cover a student who

wants to play a sport but whose family can't afford the fee. Members noted that the School Committee would not be obligated to spend such an increase to eliminate athletic fees. Hayner said he would, as one member of the School Committee, vote to use the funds as Town Meeting recommended. Members wondered if the School Committee would support other school budget recommendations from Town Meeting. Tosti reminded the meeting that the FY15 recommended school appropriation is already increased substantially over level funding. VOTED no action. Unanimous.

RESERVE FUND: \$664,414:.

COMMITTEE: Tosti reminded members to tell the Comptroller about any changes to the budget book. The Manager will discuss Articles 3,4,5,7,9 of the Special Town Meeting on 3/5.

Peter Howard 2/20/14 Revised 2/24/14

cc FinCom Members, Town Web Site

Ref 1 ZBA Budget

Ref 2.Design Sheets for Historic Site Signs

Ref 3 Uncle Sam Articles

Ref 4 Athletic Fee Material



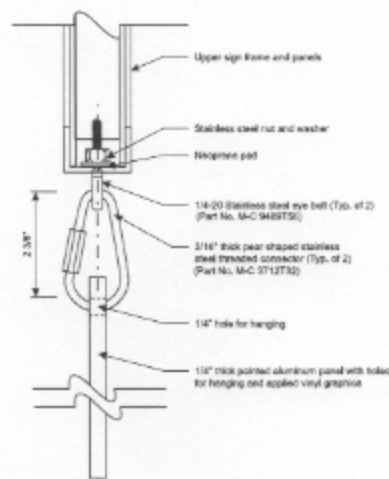
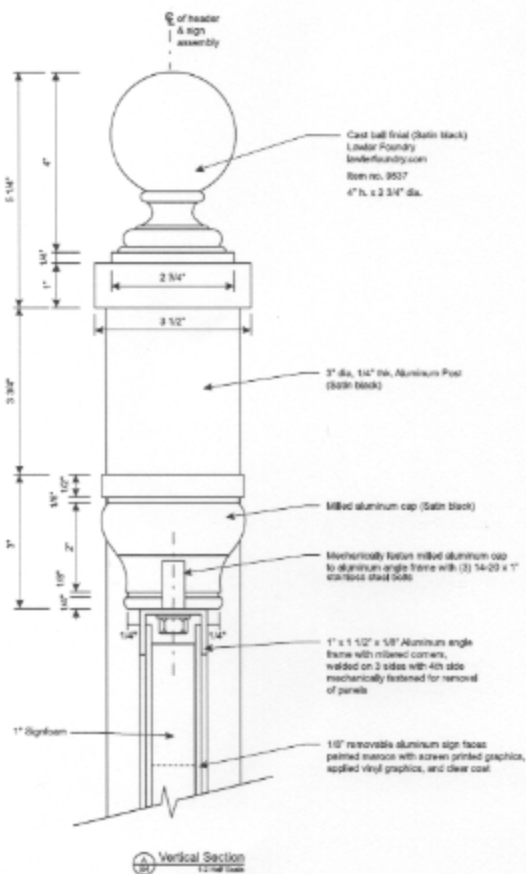
Large Directional Sign - Elevation
3/4" = 1'-0"



Layout 1
1 1/2" = 1'-0"



Color Schedule



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PROJECT
Rob-Barnet & Associates

LOCATION
Arlington Historical Sites

DATE
02/18/14

DESIGN
As Noted

CONTRACT
AR

PROJECT NO.
2401

SYMBOL NO.
021914-AHS-1

FILE
Arlington Historical Sites
WQ2401 Shop

REVISIONS

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SHEET 4 OF 6

Three Articles for 2014 Town Meeting Submitted by the Uncle Sam Committee

1. To see if the Town will vote to restore or replace the Uncle Sam Statue Arlington Historic Site sign design submitted by contractor Roll, Barresi, as voted by 2012 Town Meeting Article 52, amended, and approved by the Uncle Sam Committee, to appropriate a sum of money not exceeding \$500.00 to fund same, to determine how the money shall be raised or expended; or take any action related thereto.

*The purpose of Article 52 passed by 2011 Town Meeting was to promote tourism by uniting the Historic Sites of Arlington in an elegant, expensive, set of signs and markers. As A-TED had not consulted with any of the sites they were required to amend the original Article to be certain each group was included in the design and placement phase. Months after the design meetings, and **without notification to any party**, Clarissa Rowe and Carol Kowalski contacted contractor Roll, Barresi, changing the terms of the contract to re-designate the Uncle Sam sign for the new temporary tourist structure by altering the design already submitted and approved. The article seeks to have the contractor restore the Uncle Sam Historic Site sign voted for Uncle Sam by Town Meeting. If A-TED wishes a sign for a new tourist structure they should ask for it. This was an attempt to avoid the intent of Town Meeting that the elegant and costly theme signage was to link our four major historic sites, not to double as a signboard for a public convenience.*

2. "To see if the Town will vote to restore the phrase "Birthplace of Uncle Sam" on all applicable town stationery, to appropriate funds not to exceed \$500 for this purpose, to be implemented as current supplies are exhausted; or take any action related thereto."

For many years the phrase "birthplace of Uncle Sam" was used on Town stationery. There has never been an explanation as to why this effective tourism message was dropped. This gives TM the opportunity to restore the custom, or not, as they wish. The only expenses incurred would be in typesetting.

3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$500 to purchase an appropriate number of strings of lights to decorate Uncle Sam Plaza for the holidays, under the direction of the Department of Public Works or their assignees, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto."

In 2013 the Chairman of this committee and two members of the Town Planning department attempted for two weeks to obtain holiday lighting for Uncle Sam Plaza. After many delays we were told there weren't enough strings of lights. This makes sure Arlington most famous native gets his share in 2014.

Arlington Town Meeting Voting Results 05/16/2012

Original Text

ARTICLE 52

APPROPRIATION/SIGNAGE FOR HISTORIC SITES

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the acquisition and placement of promotional, informational and/or directional signage relative to four historic Town sites: the Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum, the Jason Russell House, the Uncle Sam Memorial Statue, and the Old Schwamb Mill, said sum (\$20,000) to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

Amended Text

ARTICLE 52

APPROPRIATION/SIGNAGE FOR HISTORIC SITES

VOTED:

That the sum of \$20,000 be and hereby is appropriated for the acquisition and placement of promotional, informational and/or directional signage relative to four historic Town sites: the Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum, the Jason Russell House, the Uncle Sam Memorial Statue, and the Old Schwamb Mill **in consultation with the four organizations related to the sites.** Said sum to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. My name is Bill Downing and I am a long-time resident of Arlington, a local business owner, a town meeting member from Precinct 15 and most importantly, the father of two great children.

I come before you tonight to ask the Finance Committee for an appropriation of \$410,000 to be added to the school department budget for the express purpose of eliminating fees for elementary instrumental music and high school athletics.

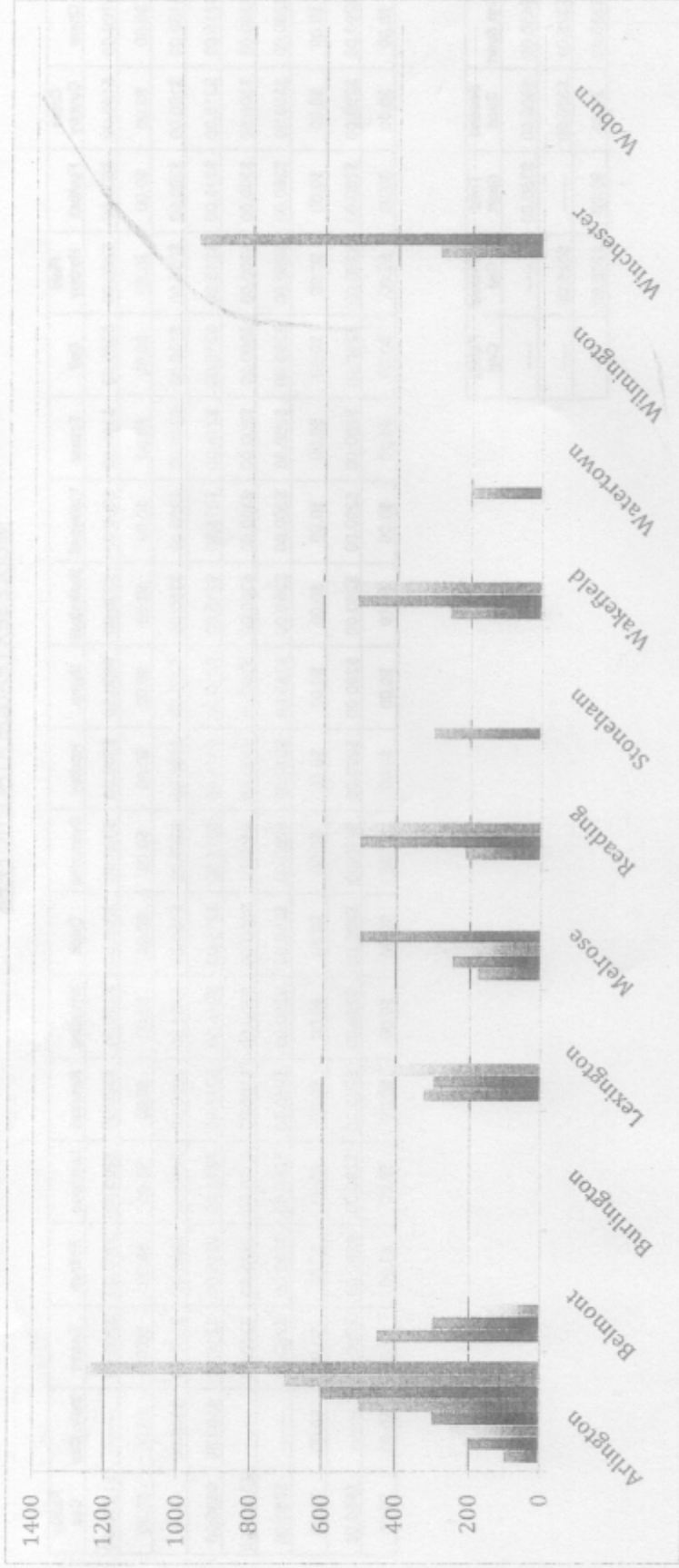
The importance of these activities has been well chronicled. The cognitive benefits of elementary school music and the lessons learned in team-building, pride and hard work that athletics provides are invaluable. Many children are trying to find themselves in high school and many do so through sports. However, when a family has to pay \$200 - \$500 just to try a sport, it puts undo pressure on that child. I am sure that many do not even try. This is the atmosphere that we have created and I believe that needs to change.

Chapter 70 state aid funding is supposed to be used for school spending. Last year we received an additional \$300,000 from state aid that went into the town stabilization fund and although shoring up the town's finances was commendable, I think it is time to put the money towards eliminating fees which are some of the highest in the state.

I realize that you folks have a difficult job and I am truly not trying to make it more difficult. I understand that once the money is put into the school budget, the school committee can do whatever they want with it. I believe, if funded, they would do the right thing for our children and eliminate these fees.

	Cheer	Cross Country	Field Hockey	Golf	Soccer	Volleyball	Basketball	Gymn.	Hockey	Swimming	Track	Wrestling	Baseball	Lacrosse	Softball	Tennis
Arlington	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 200
Rest of League Avg	\$ 165.45	\$ 165.45	\$ 176.36	\$ 171.82	\$ 165.45	\$ 171.82	\$ 171.82	\$ 171.82	\$ 217.27	\$ 171.82	\$ 165.45	\$ 171.82	\$ 171.82	\$ 171.82	\$ 171.82	\$ 165.45
Difference	-39.56%	-39.56%	183.51%	16.40%	81.32%	45.50%	16.40%	74.60%	222.18%	74.60%	20.88%	16.40%	74.60%	16.40%	74.60%	20.88%

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE ATHLETIC FEES



Arlington: \$100: Cheer, Cross-Country
 \$200: Field Hockey, Volleyball, Wrestling, Lacrosse
 Indoor/Outdoor Track, Tennis
 \$250: Soccer
 \$300: Golf, Basketball, Swimming, Baseball, Softball
 \$500: Football
 \$600: Gymnastics
 \$700: Ice Hockey

Lexington: \$325: First sport
 \$ 300: Second sport
 \$ 625: Individual cap

Melrose: \$180: Tier 1 sports
 \$250: Tier 2 sports
 \$300: Tier 3 (football)
 \$500: Tier 4 (hockey)

Belmont: \$450: First sport
 \$300: Second sport
 \$150: Third sport

Burlington: No athletic fees

Wakefield: \$260: Per sport
 \$510: Hockey
 \$780: Family cap

Watertown: \$200: Per year
 (no matter # of sports)

Wilmington: No athletic fees

Winchester: \$290: Per sport
 \$950: Family cap

Woburn: No athletic fees

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE ATHLETIC FEES

	Cheer	Cross Country	Football	Field Hockey	Golf	Soccer	Volleyball	Basketball	Gymn.	Hockey	Swimming	Track	Wrestling	Baseball	Lacrosse	Softball	Tennis	Indiv. Cap	Family Cap
Arlington	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$1,250.00	
Burlington	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Melrose	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$180.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$180.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$180.00	\$900.00	
Reading	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$500.00	\$800.00
Stonham	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	
Wakenfield	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$510.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$780.00	
Wilmington	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winchester	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$950.00	
Woburn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	First Sport	Second Sport	Third Sport	Individual Cap	Family Cap
Belmont	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	-----	-----
Lexington	\$325.00	\$300.00	-----	\$625.00	-----
Watertown	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	-----